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YOUR TAX REFUND

For the happy individual who will be getting a tax refund from Uncle Sam there is good news. The word from the Treasury Department is that all refunds will be paid by May 31st.

Better than that, most of the tax funds are to be paid within thirty days after the filing deadline, according to Washington. The idea behind this speedup in refunds is to give a shot in the arm to the lagging economy. This will be a temporary shot—coming a little sooner than usual, but there is a chance that refunds this year will be quite a bit more than usual.

Income of many began to fall off in the final months of 1957. Of course, the last quarter also saw a boost in business due to the annual Christmas commercialization, but it was not as great as usul, from a relative standpoint, and no doubt more refunds will be claimed this year than last.

For those who lacked employment during part of 1957, especially the last part, the refunds may be considerable, especially if no adjusted declaration was made last year.

There is no reason why refunds could not be made promptly every year. In fact, we would be in favor of a policy of prompt refunds as standard procedure, and with the same provision that the federal government applies to taxpayers who make tardy returns.

If the refund was not made in thirty days after the filing deadline (April 15th) then the government would be obligated to pay interest while keeping the taxpayer's money.

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GARDENING OFFERS REWARDS

About this time of the year it is well to urge readers to consider the possible pleasure to be obtained from flowers, fruits and vegetables. It is also worth noting that, sometimes, such activity can develop a monetary profit.

We are not so much concerned, in this article, with the economic gains of gardening. There are other values that come to the individual who seeks to develop something of beauty and perfection in accordance with the laws of nature.

There are countless homes in Appomattox on lots that need the charm that can come only from well-appointed surroundings. It may take some years to develop an attractive lawn or garden, but the task will bring satisfaction, however long delayed. Besides, what you do with your lot will add to the natural beauty of your town.

When it comes to vegetable gardening, one must admit that the process involves work. At the same time, many business men would be physically benefitted by some exercise. We know from hearing them boast, that the amateur gardeners take as much delight in their prize specimens as fishermen who talk so much about the "one that got away."

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THE NIGHT SKY IN APRIL

For April your astonomy lessons should concern a study of two constellations. At times during this month the nights will be warm enough so that you can study the stars in comparative comfort. Take advantage of it, and study and ponder the magnificance of the heavens above you.

The first constellation which should be sought out in the sky is known as the Northern Crown (or Ariadne's Crown, or Corona Borealis). This is a group of stars which makes up the most nearly perfect circle of any group known in the heavens. While the stars are not the most brilliant, and while it may take you a little searching to find them, you can make out the exact form with a little patience.

To find this constellation, locate the Big Dipper. Note that a line drawn between the two middle stars of the handle points almost exactly toward the Northern Crown. The central star of the crown, which is the fourth star from either end, is a third-magnitude star and considered a very pretty star by astronomers. It has long been called Alphecca, which means "pearl in the dish."

Another constellation you might check, in the April night sky, and a somewhat similar group of stars, is the Sickle. Sickle lies in the Constellation of Leo the Lion, almost directly overhead in April. The first-magnitude star Regulus is at the bottom of Sickle, and the rest of the Sickle stars curve away toward the bowl of the Dipper. The brilliant star Denebola is at the tail of the Lion, whereas Sickle is at the head. You might be interested to know that Regulus is an important star in determining longitude, because it lies almost exactly on the ecliptic. It is thought to be hotter than the sun, but it is so far away (the distance is so great that Regulus's light takes about fifty-six years to reach us) that the heat rays, from it are not felt on the earth to any degree.

If you know astronomy, and your poetry, the sight of these stars in the April night sky will remind you of the verse:

"Now Regulus and the Sickle riding high,
Proclaim to all that genial Spring is night; —Prosonby.

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ANOTHER FLORIDA BOOM?

The real estate boys are now selling lots in Florida in most of the major cities of the United States. This is nothing new, and has been going on for years, but the activity in this field has been considerable in the past year, and the question is being raised whether Florida is experiencing another boom.

Just after World War II the question was also raised. A boom was apparently in progress in Florida, and some sat back and waited for the crash. It never came.

It seems that many veterans, and others, had saved up their money during the war, and were ready to purchase lots and move to Florida after the war. The process has continued ever since, although it has picked up in the past twelve months, and now a number of huge real estate developments are springing up in all sections of Florida.

Florida is doing what more states could, and should, do. She is making much of wonderful tourist attractions—which are available in other states to a degree.

Florida (and California) are proving that the tourist trade, and a retirement climate, constitute a tremendous business potential. Scarcely a city or town in the United States has taken full advantage of this potential, including our own historic community.

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Was that Easter outfit really worth the money this year?

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One of the hardest jobs we know is trying to be impartial.

Washington Notes

HELP FOR TITO URGED

Foreign-aid officials say more United States economic help should be given to Yugoslavkia because that Balkan country wields strong influence in Communist East Europe.

At the same time, the House Foreign Affairs Committee was told, arms aid has been halted at Yugoslav request, and United States military advisers will be withdrawn before the end of April. Any future United States military hardware will have to be paid for by Yugoslavia, according to aid officials.

This information was given to the committee in a closed-door session last month.

PAY BILL BEFORE SENATE

Both retired and reserve members of the armed forces will be in line for more money if the military-pay bill passed recently by the House becomes law.

The bill, now before the Senate, is intended chiefly to aid career personnel. But both retired personnel and reservists would benefit.

RISE IN FEDERAL SPENDING

Federal Government purchases of goods and services are expected to rise by the end of this year to an annual rate about $1,000,000,000 higher than had been expected, according to a recent analysis made within the Government.

The increase will be mainly in defense. The other anti-recession actions of the Government will have little impact on Federal spending for goods and services this year, according to the analysis.

The new analysis projects the rate of Federal purchases at about $53,000,000,000 by the end of 1958. The rate is now about $50,000,000,000. Earlier projections, based on the January budget, put the year-end rate at $52,000,000,000.

STANDARD INCH

The major English - speaking nations, after decades of hair-splitting differences, are about to get together on a common inch.

At present, the United States, the United Kingdom and Canada each has a different inch. In fact, there are two different inches being used within the United States. For everyday usesge, the differences are too small to matter; however, the same differences are becoming a serious handicap in this highly technological age. Without a common inch the English-speaking nations are finding it too difficult to exchange precision instruments, parts and designs.

DELAY ON POSTAGE

Senate and House negotiations over increased postal rates and the pay of more than 500,000 postal workers appear to have been postponed into later in April.

The House has voted a 4-cent rate for both local and out-of-town letters.

The Senate's version calls for a 5-cent rate for out-of-town and 4 cents for local.

UNDELIVERABLE MAIL

The Senate passed a bill recently authorizing the Postmaster General to decide the fate of undeliverable mail on which postage is due.

The bill now goes to the White House.

The Senate also passed and sent to the White House a bill authorizing contracts for the operation of postal stations for a three-year period. The bill is expected to save $60,000 a year in administrative costs.

U. S. ARSENAL SUPERIOR

The Soviet Union, which recently announced it was suspending nuclear tests, has exploded at least thirty-nine devices in the last nine years.

The United States has set off ninety nuclear explosions over the last thirteen years, and is about to start a new series of tests at the Pacific proving ground.

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Britain's gold and dollar reserves show big gain.

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...grade, Miss Myrtle Smith, ...mes Edward Fulcher, ...rella, Monte Wade Mays, ...Larry Smith, Joseph ...B. Pierce Jr., Valerie ...mela Ferguson, La... Mary Ellen Thomas. ...Mrs. Lou Rogers, ...mes Beamer, Wilson B. ...Clyde Harvey, John ...Donald Williams, Shir... Martha Cordell, Judy ...Brenda Pugh, Delania ...Wheeler, Suzanne El... Tibbs.

...grade, Mrs. Mildred T. Bur... Kenneth Coleman, ...ne, Dale Ferguson, Al... Donald Ray Martin, ...Walton Pankey, Rob... Michael Wallace, Nancy ...Evans, Phyllis Moore.

...grade, Miss Della Inge, ...ey Byers, Tommy Elliott, ... Dennis Flynn, Larry ... Marshall, Calvin ...ed Richardson, James ...orge McDaniel, Nancy ...renda Carter, Gail Con... Cordell, Nadine Grisham, ..., Patricia McFadden.

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DRY LOT FEEDING FOR CATTLE UNTIL GRASS COMES

Dry lot feeding is about the only solution for cattlemen who want to keep their cattle in good condition until grass becomes abundant, says Curtis Mast, animal husbandman at VPI.

The winter has been long and Virginia's feed stock pile is low, but the cattlemen who still has feed left should put his cattle into a small lot, preferably one which has no grass on it, and feed them until pastures are good enough to use.

Spring Herd Care

Meanwhile, there are several jobs to be done in the herd before turning the cattle out to pasture for the rest of the season. For instance, if the herd sire has been on soft ground all winter, his feet have grown out, Mast says. "Give him a good foot trimming. Nothing makes a bull grow old faster, or gives him more trouble with his legs, than to let his feet grow out of shape."

All calves for the fall feeder market should be dehorned and castrated before they go to pasture. Likewise, if you are raising yearling steers for the feeder market this fall, see that all of them are dehorned. Watch closely for fly trouble, too.

Salt, - Spring Tonic

Cattle need more salt in the spring than at any other time. When grass gets green and lush, they eat about twice as much salt as they do in the winter, so see that there is plenty of loose salt available at all times. If the cattle are wild and hard to handle, hand-salting will bring them under control quicker. Any group of hand-salted cattle are easy to move from one pasture to another, and easy to call up and count.

Most cattlemen prefer to put the salt out in salt boxes, so they won't have to perform the regular hand-salting chore, but if the cattle are wild it is worth the extra trouble to hand-salt. They should be salted twice weekly during the spring months. One salting per week is enough in late summer and winter. Don't rely on salt blocks only, Mast says.

If you live in an area where trace minerals are needed, keep a loose mineral in a box. The cattle will regulate the amount needed if the mineral is always available.

Very True

A husband is the kind of man
Who drives me to a rage;
He can't recall my birthday,
But always knows my age.

SHEEP SHEARING SCHOOL DAETS SET

This year's series of sheep shearing schools conducted by the VPI Agricultural Extension Service will be held:

April 21 in Tazewell

April 22 and 23, Front Royal Beef Cattle Research Station.

April 28 and 29, Shenandoah Valley Research Station, Steeles Tavern.

April 30, Southwest Virginia Research Station, Glade Spring.

May 1, in Dickenson County.

Each school will begin at 9 A. M. Anyone interested in learning how to shear sheep or in perfecting his technique is invited to attend. County agents in counties where the schools will be held can give further details.

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